

Draft Agenda
Ward 6 NPA Meeting
December 6th, 2018 from 6:45 to 9:00 PM
Greek Orthodox Church, 600 South Willard Street

6:45 - 7:00

Social Time and Refreshments

7:00 - 7:15

Approval of November Minutes, Public Forum

7:15 – 7:35

planBTV with Meghan Tuttle, Burlington Department of Planning and Zoning

Presentation followed by Q&A

The department has been working on the 2019 update to planBTV, which is the principal guide for land use and development issues in the city for the next 10-20 years. Between December 2018 and March 2019, the Planning Commission and City Council will be holding several public hearings to gather input and make revisions before readopting at the end of March. Meghan will share the draft plan and collect resident feedback to inform the Commission's and Council's refinements to the draft over the next several months.

7:35 – 8:00

**Status of Burlington Telecom and the Public Utilities Commission with:
Dean Corren, Sandra Baird, and Solveig Overby, Interveners in PUC Approval of BT Sale**

Panel discussion and Q&A

A group of six Burlington residents, who are also taxpayers and BT ratepayers, has filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC) to intervene in the BT sale. The group is opposing approval primarily based on the City Charter (state law) requirement that taxpayers not pay for BT. The group asserts that the sale would lock in a multi-million-dollar charge to taxpayers.

8:00 – 9:00

Perspectives on Retail Marijuana Sales in Vermont with:

Janine Wright, Deputy Chief, Burlington Police Department

A staff person representing Hedy Vermont

Barbara Rachelson, State Representative, Chittenden 6-6

Mary Sullivan, State Representative, Chittenden 6-5

Dr. David Rettew, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, UVM College of Medicine

Statements from panel members followed by Q&A

Vermont's law to legalize recreational marijuana was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Scott in January 2018. Vermont is the only state that has legalized recreational weed without creating a legal retail market. In 2017, the Senate passed a bill to create a taxed and regulated retail market, but the bill did not pass in the House. Lawmakers tried to get a similar bill through the Senate again in 2018 but were not successful. Any sale of recreational marijuana is currently prohibited.